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Bruins get a dressing down • Policing in Durham • Inside the Wedge



HAPPY (?) HALLOWEEN - For those looking for a true Halloween experience, a tour along Campbell Dr., where this intricate display is set up, will please the ghoul in anyone. Skeletons, creepy gravestones, giant bats and menacing spiders all help create a sinister backdrop for the spookiest night of the year, which happens next Tuesday, October 31. *Photo by John Cavers*

Uxbridge receives two 'watershed' wins

Justyne Edgell

This year's Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Conservation Awards saw two Uxbridge recipients recognized for their dedication to watershed health. The 1st Uxbridge Scouts and an animal rescuer claimed the awards for their efforts.

On Oct. 10, at the 41st annual Conservation Awards ceremony, held at NewRoads Performing Arts Centre in Newmarket, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority recognized 19 individuals, businesses, and groups who are champions of improving our environment.

Mike Lanigan, owner of Farmhouse Garden Animal Home, was one of four recipients of the Healthy Water Award.

After facing issues with wet barnyard ground, Lanigan worked to create a clean water diversion system, moving water from new eaves on

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Trinity unveils plans for church site development

Roger Varley

Kindred Words, the development arm of the United Church of Canada, presented council Monday with plans for the development of the site of the former Trinity United Church. The church was demolished earlier this year after being badly damaged by the tornado that hit town in 2022.

Carly Forrester presented a slide show detailing the proposed development, which will include two six-storey residential apartment buildings and a low-rise community centre. One of the apartment buildings will front onto Main Street and one will be set in the middle of the grounds. The community centre would front onto First Avenue. Unfortunately, all of Kindred Works' diagrams identified First Avenue as Albert Street.

Forrester said the new buildings will contain architectural elements that will be reminiscent of Trinity United Church, from brickwork to

arches that set off the church's windows. The rose window that adorned the front of the church will be recaptured in the design of a common gathering area between the two apartment buildings.

The residential buildings would provide 105 living units, with one-third of the units priced below market value. More than half the units would be one-bedroom suites, 43 would be two-bedroom units and four would be three bedrooms. Parking would provide 95 spaces and the parking would be underground.

Forrester said work still needs to be done on the community centre proposal, but added it likely would contain a church area of some kind. She said the whole proposal is designed to fit in with and complement plans the township is making for the revitalization of the downtown area.

Councillors were mainly receptive to the proposal, although Councillor Todd Snooks said

he would like to see the upper storeys of the apartment buildings set back instead of having the building facades go straight up. Deputy mayor Willie Popp said the presentation is a "prime example" of the kind of attention to detail needed for the downtown revitalization.

Regional councillor Bruce Garrod made a detailed motion to accept the proposal, including allowing the buildings to reach six storeys, and to forward the proposal to the Downtown Revitalization Committee and staff for study.

In other council meeting news - after a long hiatus resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Ribfest is coming back to Elgin Park.

Rick Brooks of BWG Event Group appeared before council to seek approval for the event to be held at the park on Father's Day weekend next year, June 14-16. He said between 16,000 and 20,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. Admission would

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Council & Committee Meetings

Meeting Schedule for October, 2023

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.
 BIA BOARD MEETING

Meeting Schedule for November, 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 9:00 a.m.
 TRAILS COMMITTEE

Friday, November 3, 8:30 a.m.
 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Monday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.
 COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 6, 11:30 a.m.
 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING ZBA
 2023-09, 10899 CONC. RD. 4

Monday, November 6, 11:45 a.m.
 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING, ZBA
 2023-10, 720 SANDFORD RD

Proclamations for the Month

- October is Women's History Month
- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October is LGBTQ+ History Month
- October is PROBUS month

From The Tax Department

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Who is eligible? - To be eligible, your property must be fully assessed, and your tax account must be paid in full (no arrears).

How to apply - The Pre-Authorized Payment form (in pdf format) is available on the Township's website www.uxbridge.ca/en/living-here/property-taxes.aspx or at the Tax Department (51 Toronto St S). Return the completed and signed PAP form with banking information (Void Cheque or Bank form) to the Tax Department:

- In person at the Municipal Office (51 Toronto St S) during regular business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday or use the after-hours drop-box in the front parking lot or
- By Mail to the Township of Uxbridge PO Box 190, 51 Toronto St S, Uxbridge ON L9P 1T1 or
- By Email to tax@uxbridge.ca

The deadline to submit your application is NOVEMBER 30, 2023.

Please direct phone inquiries to the Tax Department at 905-852-9181 Ext. 211 or 216.

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Tuesday, Oct. 31st
10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
 Annina's Bake Shop
 300 Regional Hwy 47, Goodwood

Winter Parking Reminder
No overnight parking on Township streets or in Municipal Lots from 2am -7am
November 1st to April 1st

Siloam Park Playground Update
 The removal of the playground at Siloam Park is currently underway.
 Replacement playground construction expected to last 2-3 weeks.

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 phone: 905-852-9181 ext.209

Uxbridge at a Glance continued

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

This Notice is to inform you that the Township of Uxbridge has received a Zoning By-law Amendment Application which has been deemed complete in accordance with the requirements of Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Planning Committee of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge will hold a statutory public meeting to make available adequate information to the public regarding, and to consider, a proposed Township Zoning By-law Amendment pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, submitted by Anthony Mangione.

The statutory public meeting will be held in a hybrid format allowing for in-person attendance or virtual viewing of the public meeting. The Township of Uxbridge will be processing the Zoning By-law Amendment as required by the Planning Act and welcome any comments that you may have.

PURPOSE OF PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT:

- The purpose and effect of this application is to amend the Zoning By-law to permit a secondary unit within an accessory building.
- The subject property is designated "Prime Agricultural Area" in the Region Official Plan and zoned "Rural Exception No. 40 (RU-40)" zone pursuant to the Township of Uxbridge Zoning By-law No. 81-19.

LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:

The subject property is located on the east side of Regional Road 1, north of Sandford Road in the south-westerly extremity of Lot 6 Concession Road 7, in the Town of Uxbridge. The property is legally described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 7, Part 2 on 40R16793 and is municipally known as 720 Sandford Road, Uxbridge. The location of the property is graphically illustrated on the key map below.

FILE NO.: Zoning By-Law Amendment 2023-10 (**ZBA 2023-10**)

APPLICANT/OWNER: Anthony Mangione

AGENT: McDermott & Associates (John McDermott)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection in the Development Services Department between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Township Municipal Office, 51 Toronto Street South, Uxbridge, Ontario. It is preferred that if you require additional information that it be requested by email, mail, or telephone from the undersigned. However, if necessary, the Township Office can be accessed Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by contacting the undersigned.

Jennifer Beer

Permits & Approvals Analyst, Development Services
Township of Uxbridge

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PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS:

This Notice is being given in accordance with Planning Act requirements. A final recommendation on the application will not be presented until after the Township Public Meeting and all technical comments have been received.

The public meeting is being held in a hybrid format allowing for in-person attendance or virtual viewing of the public meeting. The livestream public viewing can be accessed by visiting <https://www.uxbridge.ca/en/your-local-government/council-meeting-calendar.aspx>

The meeting date and time is as follows:

MEETING DATE: Monday, November 6, 2023
TIME: 11:45 a.m.

REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment.

1. Written Submissions

Written submissions should be addressed to the Township Clerk at the address shown below. Written comments should be submitted before **Friday, November 3rd, 2023**. If you wish to be notified of the adoption or the refusal of the proposed Township Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must also make a written request to the Township Clerk before the adoption of the by-law.

2. Oral Submission

Oral submissions may be provided to Council at the meeting on livestream, you must pre-register with the Clerk's office by email at dleroux@uxbridge.ca, or telephone at 905-852-9181 ext. 228 or mail at the address below **before 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday, November 3rd, 2023**. Please include your full name, address, and a call-back phone number. You will be contacted by the Clerk's office to confirm your participation and receive the online call-in information before the meeting. Technical assistance may be provided to ensure you are able to participate.

PLANNING ACT REQUIREMENTS

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the proposed application is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Uxbridge to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or a public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Uxbridge before the application is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

Debbie Leroux, Clerk

Township of Uxbridge

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KEY MAP (not to scale)



Watershed wins, from page 1

his barn, under a new cement pad, all the way to a swale, allowing runoff to be naturally filtered, with any leftover debris easily shovelled out. This project allows potential contaminants, phosphorus inputs and other pollutants from reaching nearby water sources and wetlands.

Along with creating a healthier water course, Lanigan was inspired to better the ecosystem of an old fence line, by slightly widening the section of property used, clearing out the invasive weeds, and planting nearly 200 trees – 14 different native species – to encourage biodiversity and improve his property's ecological balance. This year he extended this project by planting native species along his entire property line.

Lanigan says it is an honour to have received this award. "It feels pretty nice, especially since what I did was a whole lot of work. It makes you feel good."

Lanigan was the only individual to be recognized in this category, as his fellow award winners were the City of Barrie, the Town of Innisfil, and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

This isn't Lanigan's first foray into conservation; it has been a life-long passion.

"I've been planting trees my whole life, they grow wonderfully. Some of the trees I planted in the 70s, my friends have already commercially logged" says Lanigan, who worked for many years in northern Ontario in the forestry industry, replanting areas that had been previously logged.

"Planting trees is not a selfless act. After a few years you'll get to enjoy the shade from its leaves and see new creatures come along, and you don't have to wait very long to see it."

The second Uxbridge recognition went to the 1st Uxbridge Scouts, who received the Ernie Crossland Young Conservationist Award. This award goes to individuals and groups aged 30 or younger for their significant leadership role in conservation.

"Receiving this award is a cool experience to have and it's a great opportunity for Scouts," says Kathryn Marlatt, Group Youth Commissioner.

Each year, the 1st Uxbridge Scouts undertake numerous environmental initiatives, including tree planting and maintenance projects, combating invasive species and organizing litter clean-ups of parks, trails, and creeks. In 2022, they also played a crucial role in the clean up of fallen trees and debris from roads, trails and in the Uxbridge Brook after the destruction of the tornado.

"We do all this stuff for fun and to help out the community wherever it's needed" says James Marlatt, Venturer company leader. "It's cool to be recognized for that."

Craig Marlatt, group commissioner, says he is proud to have this award bestowed upon this group of youth who do so much to help our ecosystems, environment and community.

"It is fantastic and hopefully will help inspire other youth and adults in their community to help take care of their watershed and environment around them."

"In a world facing unprecedented environmental challenges, it's inspiring to see the dedication of these individuals and businesses in our communities, who are contributing to the solution," said Conservation Authority chair and York Region chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson. "Their stories and achievements continue to give us hope for a more sustainable future in our watershed."



Our two cents

Be media-savvy, not naive

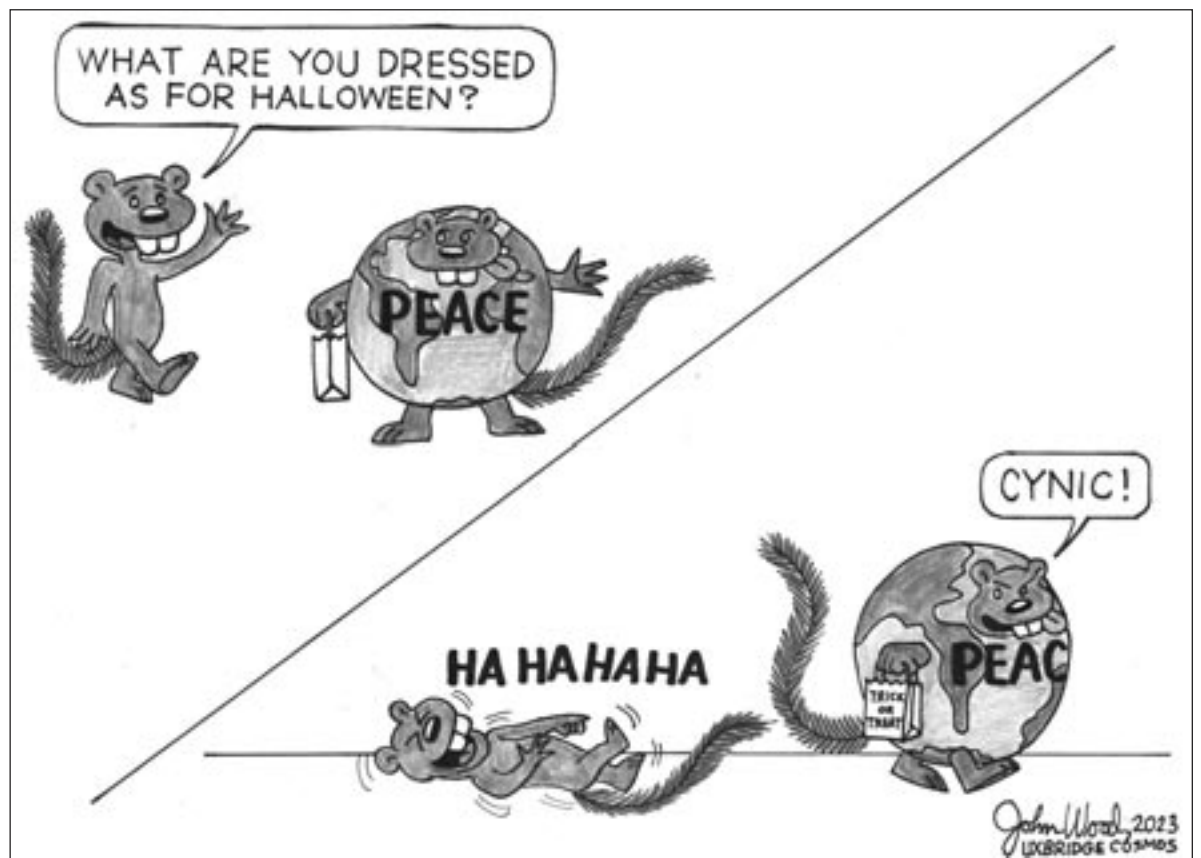
With the rise of AI-generated deepfakes and an increase in online hate and harassment, we all need to be equipped with the skills to navigate and contribute positively to our complex media landscape.

Canada's 18th annual Media Literacy Week is this week - an opportunity to put the spotlight on the importance of digital media literacy and responsible digital citizenship. According to MediaSmarts, Canada's centre for digital media literacy, it takes just 10 per cent of the people in a community to set its values. Even a single voice can make other people less likely to conform and more likely to speak out. Which proves that even one person can make a difference. Standing up to a cyberbully, pushing back against hate and prejudice, or keeping negative comments to oneself are all ways to foster a more, shall we say, user-friendly environment online.

"There are so many positive ways to engage online, from amplifying marginalized voices to connecting with community," says Kathryn Ann Hill, executive director of MediaSmarts. "But sometimes our social media feeds can feel like they're overrun with negative content. Media Literacy Week is about getting people to feel empowered to engage critically with media and to create constructive and inclusive communities online."

Media literacy in general is in great peril, these days. Everyone with a phone and an opinion considers themselves a journalist. To be clear, media literacy is the ability to apply critical thinking skills to the messages, signs, and symbols transmitted through the media, mainstream or otherwise, traditional or digital. It can even come down to knowing the difference between an article and an opinion column. So many people are quick to infer a story from just a headline, or believe the first thing they read on Facebook ("If you saw it there, it MUST be true!"). This isn't being media savvy, it's being presumptuous and gullible.

There's an awful lot being thrown at us these days from every part of the globe. We owe it to ourselves (and the democracy we hold dear) to learn how we can work *with* various types of media in order to use information in a productive and positive way.



Letters to the Editor

Re: "Kindergarten licence?" (*Am I wrong?*, Oct. 19 edition)

I do not normally find myself at odds with Roger Varley, but as an octogenarian whose driver's licence was suspended (but subsequently reinstated), it would be remiss of me not to comment on some of the misleading impressions in Roger's last "Am I Wrong?"

The ability, or otherwise, to draw a clock is a widely recognized simple but reliable screening test of cognition. Failure would be a good reason to suspend a person's licence, pending further investigation. It might appear to be pointless if you *can* do it.

The vision test is a check for acuity (distance) and field of vision, both important when driving.

These tests allow most 80+ drivers to maintain their licences, but screen out those who should no longer be behind the wheel. Suspended drivers can take a functional assessment which includes cognition, physical mobility and a challenging road test.

After initially failing the road test, I discovered my driving was not good enough, but subsequently passed after considerable additional training.

So, let's not knock a system that

might be flawed, but one that allows old people to maintain their independence, provided they do not put others at risk.

Tom Fowle
Uxbridge

Thank you, Roger, I KNEW IT! I knew that clock said 11:10. When I pointed it out to the lady in charge, she said, "No, no. Just draw a clock that says 10 minutes to 2."

I was very proud of my clock. I drew a perfectly round circle and my numbers were all exactly the same size. And I made sure that my hour hand was a little shorter than the minute hand. As I handed it in I felt somewhat let down because the lady barely looked at it. All she cared about was that I had passed the eye test. Guess I should have been satisfied with that too.

Eleanor Todd
Goodwood

Roger, Roger, Roger.

I am surprised that your enquiring, journalistic mind did not ask *why* you were tasked to draw a clock during your recent driving test.

I have heard, apparently, that the inability to do so is an indication of early dementia, which can affect

one's driving abilities.

So you passed. Congratulations! You can now drive for another two years (and then look forward to doing it all over again). Welcome to the eighties.

George Pratt
Uxbridge

Re: *Chances Are donations*

The Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary wants to thank the community for supporting Chances Are with its donations. However, we are asking that when the bins are full and the shed is closed that you bring your donations back another day. This morning our elderly volunteers had to climb through donations left in our parking lot. Boxes and merchandise were wet from the rain, and blocking our shed door is a fire hazard.

Also, please don't bring torn clothing or broken items. It costs the Auxiliary \$24,000 a year in garbage fees to pick up items which we cannot use.

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Nancy Emo
President
Uxbridge Hospital Auxiliary

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Ribfest returns, from page 1

be \$5 and 25 per cent of the gate would be donated to Oak Ridges Hospice.

Council pointed out that the aerial view of Elgin Park which BWG used

to illustrate the event's layout was outdated and the planned perimeter fence would cut off access to the park's accessible playground. Brooks said the fencing would be moved to take care of the problem.

Council voted to support the event.



A blonde moment

column by Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

Time to take on the world

A young friend of mine visited me recently, and his passion for environmental activism struck me. I asked him to write down some thoughts on how he sees the global situation. I give my column over to 25-year-old Jack Delemarre.

It's often said that climate change is a tricky issue to tackle because its effects are difficult to see. That may have been true a decade ago, but is no longer a valid excuse. This summer, here in Canada, we experienced it even in our most populous cities. We experienced the worst, most intense and destructive wildfire season to date, scorching more than 15 million hectares. And it was one of the coolest summers we will likely experience for the rest of our lives.

The rest of the world is experiencing withering heatwaves, longer and harsher droughts, and devastating flooding. The climate refugee crisis is already underway. Tensions are rising due to water shortages, resulting in internal conflicts and civil unrest, and millions of displaced people. These are circumstances that are only going to intensify if we do not act accordingly.

If the planet warms beyond two degrees, we will begin to trigger various 'tipping points.' Think the total destruction of the Amazon rainforest, the permanent disappearance of major ice sheets, melting permafrost and the death of coral reefs. These are events from which there is no going back, and that will actually speed up global warming in devastating feedback loops.

Assuming we maintain the status quo and not honour climate initiatives such as the Paris Agreement (the IPCC's 'middle-of-the-road' estimate predicts warming of two degrees by 2050, significantly over the 1.5 target set in Paris), by 2050, we can expect mass extinction and the total collapse of entire eco-systems on which we depend; worldwide crop failures, water shortages, and potentially billions of displaced refugees with nowhere to go.

We may well see the collapse of civilisation as we know it, as we fight over increasingly scarce resources that must be shared by a projected population of 10 billion people. This is a global crisis of unprecedented scale that we must act to mitigate, this very moment. What kind of world is in store for us, let alone our children? 2050 is 27 years away. How old will

you be? How old will your children be? Forget any plans you had for a tranquil retirement. Those years will likely be the hardest of our lives.

It's easy to feel despair, defeat, powerlessness. It's easy to react with denial or complacency, to think "I'm doing my part" or "This won't affect me." It's easy to pass blame onto politicians and banks who strike shady deals with massive, seemingly untouchable corporations while they continue to illegally, and without permission, decimate Indigenous lands so as to lay oil pipelines. That's surely beyond our control?

It isn't. We are all responsible for our planet, even more so in the West, but none of us chose to be born into these inherently unsustainable societies. What's done is done - what really matters is how we move forward.

If you are concerned, terrified even, of what is happening to our planet and society, I call upon you to take action. Take a stand. Fight for your world, for your children's world.

Some good news is that millions of people have already started. And the greatest news is that as it turns out, it's real simple stuff.

Buy local, and buy secondhand. Switch to green electricity and insulate your home. Eat less meat and more plants. Check out local activism events, they're everywhere. Vote at every level for political candidates that champion environmental policies, and write to your MPs urging them to tackle this (they listen to us because we keep them in office). Move your money to credit unions that invest in green initiatives. Don't book that flight this year if you don't have to. Don't go for that drive if you don't have to: take the bus, train or ride a bike.

These options have been available to us for a while now, but never has the situation been as dire that we need to start implementing them now. Even if it's just one seemingly insignificant change, if you have the power to do it, do it. Because we have to fight for our world. At the very least, we have to be able to say we tried.

Most of the facts and predictions I made above are based on information and resources compiled theweek.ooo A three-part documentary clarifies the situation, how we got here and how do we get out. It's what stirred me to act. I would recommend starting here if you, like me, are feeling overwhelmed at where the hell to even begin.



The Barris Beat

column by Ted Barris

NHL shoots and misses the point

I'm considering becoming an Arizona Coyotes fan. Not because I have an affinity for either the Arizona desert or the wily mammal in the team name. Since I've lived in or around Toronto most of my life, I've always considered myself a Leafs fan by default. But I'm beginning to think - even in sports - I should support people with more admirable attitudes. And recently, Coyotes defenceman Travis Dermott did an admirable thing. He used Pride Tape on his hockey stick in a game Saturday night.

"I have some family involved in the LGBTQ community," he told ESPN in 2021. "I'd like to step forward and take part in supporting them."

Dermott did so in spite of the fact that last summer the National Hockey League banned teams from wearing practice jerseys with Pride colours and other LGBTQ+ insignia during practice sessions or warm-ups. After announcing this silly rule, Gary Bettman made it worse by disallowing players' use of Pride Tape on their hockey sticks. When questioned during the all-star weekend last February, the NHL commissioner seemed to say that demonstrating tolerance and inclusion is a distraction.

"You know what our goals, our values and our intentions are across the league," Bettman told reporters in Florida. "But we also have to respect some individual choice, and some people are more comfortable embracing themselves in causes than others."

It's pretty clear from the experience of the past decade or so, that few fields of endeavour demonstrate worse homophobia than that of the spoiled and privileged world of professional hockey. Unlike most other professional sports organizations, the NHL has dragged its bladed-feet on the matter. The story of Brendan Burke reveals the tip of an extremely large and dark pro-hockey iceberg. Born the son of outspoken NHL coaching legend Brian Burke, the talented and aspiring goaltender quit hockey in high school; he worried that his teammates would discover he was gay. He chose hockey management as a career, and came out to his family in 2007, still fearing the worst. But then in 2009, he made international headlines coming out and speaking against homophobia in pro sport.

"Working for a sports team where I knew I couldn't come out because I'd be fired or ostracized ..." he told ESPN, "people in that

situation deserve to know that they can feel safe, and that sports isn't all homophobic."

At the time, Brendan Burke was considered the closest person to the NHL to come out publicly and say he was gay. He died in a car crash just a few months later. And his father has carried the torch for tolerance and understanding all the way to the top of the NHL. But the league has apparently turned a deaf ear. And if Commissioner Bettman and an elite community of wealthy professionals can't step up and do the right thing, what does that say about the rest of us who salivate as fans to join this very exclusive community - by our TV viewing, ticket buying, wearing their corporate jerseys and cheering them on?

It's clear to me that the NHL has exacerbated a growing problem. In December 2022, a Hockey Canada report revealed 900 documented or alleged incidents of on-ice discrimination, 61 per cent of which involved sexual orientation or gender identity.

What's more alarming is that the NHL appears to ignore the very people who feather their fat salaries. "What is the league going to do?" Minnesota Wild defenceman Jon Merrill asked *The Athletic* rhetorically, "Take me off the ice? Give me a penalty?" Philadelphia Flyer Scott Laughton said, "I'll use the tape if I have to buy it myself."

Commissioner Bettman interprets the misgivings of a few NHLers against Pride support for reasons of religion or nationality, as a distraction. Addressing that issue, Tampa Bay Lightning star Steven Stamkos recently told the *Toronto Star*, "If 98 per cent of the players that wore the jersey and enjoyed wearing it ... whether it was the Pride, the military night, the cancer nights, the story shouldn't be the guy that didn't wear it."

As I write this (late in the day Tuesday), news is breaking that the NHL has reversed its decision, and will allow players to use rainbow-coloured Pride tape on their sticks. That says two things: First, that the league didn't bother to consult the people who are its bread and butter in the first place. And second, that any events living up to the league's former claim that "Hockey is for all," remain in limbo. That doesn't change my new perspective, however, to cheer for open-minded players, not Neanderthal commissioners and pro teams that can't skate out of prehistory.

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The sculpture on Second Wedge's outer wall is a collage of designs from their various beer labels.

by **Conrad Boyce**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

One day early in 2013, Joanne Richter was having coffee with her partner, Rob Garrard, in the kitchen of their place on Dominion Street in Uxbridge.

"We should open a craft brewery," she said.

"Good idea," he replied, after not much deliberation at all.



Rob Garrard, Joanne Richter and head brewer Mike Lounds in the Second Wedge brewhouse.

The notion wasn't exactly out of the blue. Richter was in the publishing industry, Garrard in TV. They'd come north in 2004, wanting to escape the city madness, but they both still spent way too much time on the road. They'd fallen in love with the Uxbridge way of life: the trails, the art, the music. They both loved beer, had spent many hours talking about how it was built, how it looked, above all how it tasted. And most important, it was time for a new challenge in their lives.

Thus began three years of intense research and planning, not only into how to make great beer, but into how to make the business thrive.

How would they finance the enterprise? They found three principal investors, all Uxbridge-based, who would share in the substantial upfront costs of equipping a brewery, and stand beside them when they talked to banks for the rest.

Where would they locate the operation? They knew they wanted it in

a highly visible location, with plenty of parking so they could have a tasting room, and an outdoor patio in the good months. They kept coming back to a little building on the west side of the tracks, just south of Newmarket Pre-Cast. It had acquired some infamy as a marijuana grow-op in recent years, and would require a lot of clean-up and renovation. But it was the perfect spot. Their partners agreed to buy it, and lease it back to the brewing company.

Who would help them brew the beer of their dreams? Richter and Garrard knew a lot about beer theoretically - they'd studied and brewed their own at home - but they needed someone to put together an industrial operation for them. Early on in their planning they were introduced to Doug Warren, an experienced brewer in Peterborough, who was eager to get in on the ground floor of an exciting new brewery. On his advice, they acquired almost all the equipment they would need from a company in Cambridge. It became an Ontario-made operation, through and through.

Not the least of the decisions the couple faced was what to call their company, how to brand their beer.

"We wanted something uniquely Uxbridge," says Richter, "something that would reflect our love for this place and its rolling landscape. One of the things that makes us special is our location on the edge of the Oak Ridges Moraine, a geological formation that took shape during the last ice age. That ice deposited soil and rock into four huge wedges, from Albion to Rice Lake, and Uxbridge just happens to be located right on the second wedge. It was a great name, a perfect conversation starter."

So, with the big questions resolved - the money, the location, the name, the expertise - the work of building a brewery began. And three years later, in the last days of 2015, the first beer was brewed and The Second Wedge opened to great acclaim. And, except for one significant interruption (which we'll discuss in a moment), things have been flowing smoothly ever since. Head brewer Mike Lounds and assistant brewer Jamie Akselsen produce more than 1,300 hectolitres (about 230,000 imperial

pints) of beer each year, and The Second Wedge supplies restaurants and LCBO stores across the GTA and beyond.

More than 50 different beer recipes have been tried and tasted. But what exactly makes them different? How does beer come to be?

Beer has only four basic ingredients - grain, hops, water and yeast - and actually, even hops are a relative late-comer to the process, people all over the world made beer-like beverages for centuries without them. But they are kind of essential to the modern beer-drinker's palate, and how these ingredients are combined and treated provides the creativity in brewing. These are the seven steps from the land to your fridge.

1. Milling - The grain arrives in bags already malted. Most often it's barley, but sometimes wheat, oats or rye has germinated in a malt house. The grain is then dried in a kiln and sometimes roasted. At the brewery, the malt is sent through a grist mill, cracking open the husks of the kernels, which helps expose the starches during the mashing process.

2. The Mash - Mashing is the process of combining the grist and water and heating it to high temperatures. Uxbridge's water is rich in iron, which may be good, or not, depending on the desired result, so the water is filtered first. Mashing causes the natural enzymes in the malt to break down starches, converting them to sugars, which will eventually become alcohol. This process takes place in one to two hours. Mash temperatures can be gradually increased or allowed to rest at certain temperatures, choices which are very much part of the brewer's art. Different temperature levels activate different enzymes and affect the release of proteins and fermentable sugars. Proteins play a smaller role but are important to the creation of foam in a finished beer. The end product of the mash is called wort.

3. Lautering is the process of separating the wort from spent grain as efficiently as possible. A lautur tun has a perforated or slotted bottom with runoff ports. The solids from the mash settle on the bottom and form a filter for the wort. Sparging is

the process of rinsing the spent grain with heated water to get as much of the sugars as possible from the remaining grain for the wort. After sparging, the spent grain is commonly recycled as feed for cattle and hogs, or can be used to make bread.

4. The Kettle - Once a brewer has wort, it is sterilized through a boiling process in a brew kettle, which halts enzyme activity and condenses the liquid. During the boil, which typically lasts from 60 to 120 minutes, hops are added. The qualities of aroma, taste and bitterness that hops impart to beer depend on what point they are added, and what variety are used. Hops can be added early in the boil for bittering, with more time boiled resulting in more bitterness. They can be added mid-boil for flavor, or late boil for flavoring and aroma. Hops are the key to bitter taste in beer.

5. Fermentation - Wort is transferred to a fermentation vessel and the yeast is pitched, or added. Ale yeast rises to the top of the wort and lager yeast generally collects in the bottom. Fermentation in beer is the conversion of sugars to alcohol and carbon dioxide that lead to an ale or a lager, depending on the type of yeast used. (Hybrid beers also use one of these two types of yeast.) Once yeast has been pitched at proper temperature, the beer is generally maintained from 16 to 24 degrees for ales, somewhat less for

lagers. The process of the yeast converting sugars to alcohol generates heat and is monitored closely by brewers. The higher temperatures employed for ale yeast result in more esters, or fragrant organic compounds. Once fermentation is complete, chilling the beer will put the yeast (which is a living organism) to sleep, allowing it to be removed and re-used. The beer often then remains in the fermentation tank to mature and smooth. It may also have additional hops added at this stage, for a final burst of hops aroma - this is known as dry-hopping.

6. The Brite - The fermented beer is moved to the brite tank as the final stage before packaging, and sometimes filtered on the way in. Although fermentation creates carbonation in the beer, most breweries use force carbonation at this stage, because it allows them to dial in a precise level of carbonation for the beer style. Force carbonation involves adding CO₂ to a container under high pressure, forcing it to be absorbed into the beer.

7. Canning - Many craft brewers still use bottles, but except for its on-tap kegs, The Second Wedge products come almost exclusively in cans. The company's canning equipment, which fills and tops the cans in one smooth process, can produce 24-40 cans a minute, or more than 2,000 per hour.

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The last step: Second Wedge's High Raz being canned.

Second Wedge, from page 6

May 21, 2022

“We had just had a big celebration the night before, coming out of COVID,” Garrard remembers. “There were about 15 customers for lunch out in the beer garden, a few staff, but none in the brewery, thankfully, they don’t work weekends. I always keep an eye on the weather when the patio’s open, and I saw a storm coming, so we brought everyone inside. I was upstairs when it hit. The sound was really like a huge freight train. I found my way downstairs, and the staff had herded everyone into the washrooms, where there were no windows. It lasted less than a minute, but the wind blew in the brewery shipping door, and I think that created a vacuum that just blew off the roof. After a few minutes, we went outside and couldn’t believe what had happened. Neighbours came by and helped us turn off the gas, power and water. If it had been the next day, Sunday, the street would have been crowded with people for the Farmers’ Market, with nowhere to escape. There would have been tragedy for sure.”

Richter was in Montreal visiting family. On her return, the partners resolved first to rebuild as

quickly as possible (most of the brewing equipment was undamaged), and second, to continue brewing.

“We had lots of generous offers to brew our products in other breweries using their equipment and staff, but that would have meant giving up a lot of control,”

says Garrard. “Market Brewing in Newmarket had extra space, so we ended up taking four of our fermentation tanks and one brite tank there, and shared their brewing and packaging equipment. Market was home to our brewing team for almost a year; we can never thank them enough.”

“There were many silver linings to the tornado experience,” says Richter. “The ability to redesign the building, particularly the northern part, to make it a better customer experience. The rela-

tionship with Market Brewing. And especially the outpouring of support from our neighbours, our customers, the whole community. They’ve made it possible for us to come back stronger.”

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Even with new sweaters, Bruins don't look sharp

Roger Varley

Sporting brand new sweaters, the Uxbridge Bruins stepped out on the ice at the arena on Friday night to face the Lakefield Chiefs, but the team looked anything but sharp as the game wound down. After establishing a 5-0 lead in the second period, the Bruins allowed the Chiefs to make a game of it, with a final score of 8-5 for the Bruins.

The Bruins notched their first goal

less than a minute into the game and followed with two more before the period was over. Two more goals came in the first half of the second period before Lakefield finally made it onto the scoreboard.

However, in the third period, Uxbridge allowed Lakefield to score four goals despite being four men short on the bench. With slightly more than two minutes remaining in the third period, the Bruins took a

double minor, giving the Chiefs a two-man advantage for a full two minutes. Adding an extra attacker by pulling the goalie, the Chiefs tried desperately to salvage the game, but the Bruins hung on for the win.

The *Cosmos* selected Ty Roberts of the Bruins and Clayton Shaugnessy of the Chiefs as players of the game.

On Sunday, down at the Scugog arena, it was a similar scenario but with a different outcome. The Bruins

took a 3-1 lead over the Port Perry LumberJacks in the first period, including a short-handed goal by Quinn Meek as the Bruins found themselves a man short for four minutes.

But, although the Bruins added another late in the second period they were swamped by the LumberJacks, who scored four of their own. Two more Port Perry goals in the third, including an empty-netter, gave the

LumberJacks a 7-4 victory.

In both games, the Bruins started out strong and then collapsed in the final period. Nevertheless, the Uxbridge squad remains in second place in the seven-team Orr Division of the PJHL, three points behind the Clarington Eagles, with an 8-3-0 record.

Bear pause: The PJHL will be holding its annual Prospects games on Saturday, Nov. 4, with the Eastern Conference meeting the Southern Conference at the Uxbridge arena. The West meets the North in Wingham on the same day.

Each team selects two players (born in 2006 or 2007) to represent them. For the Bruins, the nod went to Nolan Winter and Luke El-Ayari.

The puck drops at 1 p.m.

The Bruins' unveiled their new sweaters on Friday, with each jersey carrying the player's name on the back. Sponsorships remain but at the bottom edge of the sweaters. The sweaters feature stripes on the sleeves and around the lower hem. Apart from the home and away sweaters (black and white), the Bruins also have a third outfit for wearing on special occasions. These sweaters are almond-coloured and feature the less menacing bear logo of earlier years.



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DRPS consists of 978 uniformed officers and 335 civilian staff. That is about one sworn-officer for about 768 residents, which is less than comparator services, such as York and Peel Regions, who are in the one officer per 600 residents range. Front line officers respond to calls throughout the region's 2,500 square kilometers. North Division, staffed with 56 uniformed officers, supports the 1,300 square kilometers of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock Townships. This may seem like an imbalance, but remember, North Durham only contains six per cent of the region's population.

It's important to recognize DRPS is a regional service. While each division has dedicated patrol units, all areas of the region are supported by centralized specialty units. These uniquely trained groups include the helicopter unit known as Air1, Homicide, K9, Tactical Support, Human Trafficking, Intimate Partner Violence and the fraud response teams. In addition, there are officers in the Offender Management Unit, which monitors dangerous individuals on bail as well as sex offenders. Additionally, when there is a major event, like we experienced during the tornado in 2022 or when serious crimes occur, officers are pulled

in from across multiple divisions to assist. Although this work is not always visible, efforts in these areas benefit all Durham residents. As the saying goes, just because you don't see them, doesn't mean they aren't in Uxbridge.

Between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31 of this year, DRPS has responded to almost 80,000 citizen calls (this includes both 911 and non-emergency calls). On a per capita basis, Oshawa has the highest volume at 21 calls/1,000 residents. Uxbridge is the lowest at 7.2 calls/1,000 residents. Response time for emergency calls for the southern, more urban municipalities, averages nine minutes. Response times in more expansive rural regions is longer. North Durham averages almost 14 minutes. Uxbridge is about 12.4 minutes. These have all increased as the population has grown.

Violent crime in the region has risen from 2,750 events in 2020 to 3,356 so far this year. Homicides have risen each year since 2019, when there were eight people killed. In 2022, there were 15 murdered. To date in 2023, there have been 11 people murdered. Missing persons reports are also on the rise. They are typically in the 700-1100 range each year, but this year there have been 1,174 reports.

Road safety is a high priority for us all. Each year since 2018, about 10-17 traffic fatalities occur in Durham Region. This year, 11 traffic fatalities have occurred and over 800 have been injured. Sadly, since 2018, there have been 15 traffic fatalities in Uxbridge Township.

From an enforcement perspective, each year since January 2019, between 31,000-36,000 highway traffic act tickets are issued. There were over 4,000 tickets issued during that same period in Uxbridge.

That's about 20 per week! A conver-

sation with DRPS Chief of Police Peter Moreira, revealed that impaired driving is a major concern Uxbridge Township.

Automobile theft continues to be a major issue throughout the region and the GTA. This crime often has direct ties to organized crime. In 2018, about 40 vehicles were stolen each month. In 2023 that figure has almost tripled. Exact figures for how many have been stolen in our township were not available at press time.

DRPS is facing very different issues as the region's population moves toward doubling in the next 30 years, according to a DRPS data analyst. Mental health and addiction issues, homelessness and gang-based crime are increasing. Human trafficking is on the rise, as is fraud, organized crime, sexual assault and intimate partner violence.

Additionally, because police are available 24-7, they are often the point of contact for what are not core policing issues, such as mental health and addiction events. On average, DRPS make about eight Mental Health Act apprehensions each day and often receive repeat calls to the same individuals.

The single biggest complaint I've heard during two campaigns, and on an ongoing basis, relates to traffic safety. Recurring meetings are held with DRPS North Division leadership to review statistics and highlight specific areas of concern. The North Division Traffic Safety Coordinators are very responsive to community complaints regarding traffic safety concerns in Uxbridge. The officers collect traffic data through speed signs and residents' complaints and conduct appropriate enforcement to continue to combat trending traffic issues.

The visibility of uniformed officers is important to Uxbridge residents. It's when major incidents such as a missing child or senior occurs and the helicopter is deployed, or a joint effort with York and Peel takes place to thwart organized crime or an under-cover operation takes illegal drugs off our streets, that Uxbridge residents experience the broader benefit of being supported by a regional police service.

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- 11. Concealed oneself
- 12. Of the mouth
- 13. "___ overboard!"
- 14. Back then
- 15. Gardens
- 16. "What's more"
- 17. Flung
- 19. Bother, with "at"
- 21. Break
- 24. Paddington was one
- 27. Resourceful
- 30. Steady
- 31. Hair tonics
- 32. Changed
- 34. Koala home
- 35. Architectural starting point
- 36. Wrestling type
- 38. Kick off
- 42. Mercury's staff
- 44. Skip past
- 47. Was prone
- 48. Profound fear
- 49. Olympic competition
- 50. Respect title
- 51. Get hitched
- 52. Regarded guardedly
- 53. Singleton

Down

- 1. "Come again?"
- 2. Lofty
- 3. Stink
- 4. Old mansion decoration
- 5. Profitable rock
- 6. Sitcom stock character
- 7. Otherwise
- 8. Not yet a pro
- 9. Beachgoer's goal
- 10. Wind up
- 18. Arnold Schwarzenegger film (1996)
- 20. Not present
- 22. High-five, e.g.
- 23. Madonna "Don't ___ Me"
- 25. Question beginner
- 26. Like roses
- 27. Type of bed
- 28. Aura
- 29. Made, as a case
- 33. Had a spoonful of
- 37. Seconds
- 39. Furthermore
- 40. Parade stopper
- 41. UK spare
- 42. Good way to eat vegetables
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at the Georgina Ice Palace

Saturday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.
Against Little Britain
at the Little Britain Arena

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EVENTS

OCTOBER SPAGHETTI DINNER hosted by the Uxbridge Leaskdale Lions Club. Friday, Oct. 27, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Uxbridge Community Hall, 24 Victoria Rd, Uxbridge. Dinner includes spaghetti (Gluten-free available), salad, garlic bread and dessert. Adults \$15, children 5 to 12 years \$5. Children under 5 years free. We will also be collecting non-perishable items for the Georgina and Uxbridge food banks.

JAZZ IN LEASKDALE CONCERT SERIES, hosted by the LMMSO. Tom Baker and friends return to entertain music lovers. Friday, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. Special guest guitarist Mike Graham. Tickets by donation at the door.

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Uxbridge teen a finalist in RBC Training Ground for second time

Lisha Van Nieuwenhove

RBC Training Ground is the Canadian Olympic Committee's annual, cross-country talent search. And Uxbridge's Robyn Baker is being sought.

Baker, 18, played rugby at Uxbridge Secondary School, and is now in her first year with the Queen's University varsity women's team.

This spring she was one of 2,200 athletes (aged 14-25) from a wide range of sports who participated in free local qualifier events across the country, performing core speed, strength, power and endurance tests in front of Olympic talent scouts, either to find and be identified for the sport for which they are most suited, or earn a funding boost in their existing sport.

"I grew up doing competitive swimming, then did track, then did soccer, and finally moved to rugby," said Baker. "I have had amazing opportunities within the sport, and becoming an RBC Future Olympian would be an amazing way to continue my journey."

"I was invited to the final last year too, and it was a great experience."

The top 100 deemed to have great Olympic potential, including Baker, will now compete in the RBC Training Ground national final on Dec. 2, in Toronto. Thirty athletes from the final will earn funding, a spot on Team Canada with one of 12 partner national sport organizations, and an accelerated path to the Olympics.

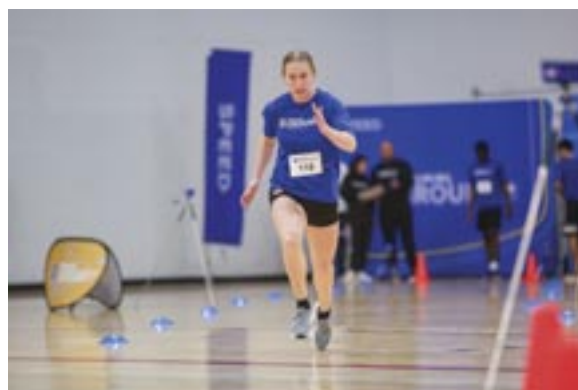
During RBC Training Ground national final testing, athletes' speed, power, strength, and endurance will again be tested against sport-specific, high-performance benchmarks under supervision of program sport partners. An athlete's anthropomorphic measurements (height, wingspan, etc.), sport-specific testing (conducted following the qualifier stage) and competitive sport history also play a role in who is selected for funding.

"RBC Training Ground is designed to help fill and fund Canada's Olympic sport talent pipeline, said Evan MacInnis, technical director, RBC Training Ground. "Some of the athletes who participate in RBC Training Ground are looking to reenergize or boost an Olympic dream in a sport they are already participating in. Others participate with the hope of being discovered and directed toward an Olympic sport they may have never considered. But they all rely on raw athleticism to impress our sport partners and compete for funding."

The finalists, who will have transportation hotel and food covered by RBC, will be joined at the final by RBC Training Ground alumni and Olympic medalists.

The complete list of 100 finalists is available at RBC-Trainingground.ca in the community / news section.

Now in its eighth year, RBC Training Ground is a nation-wide talent identification and athlete-funding program dedicated to finding and supporting the next generation of Canadian Olympians. Since 2016, the program has tested 13,000 athletes at free local events across Canada, with close to 2,000 being identified by NSO partners as having Olympic potential.



Robyn Baker at the March 19, 2023, qualifier in Toronto.

Photo by Laurel Jarvis



In Loving Memory of

Patricia Barbara Harwood

February 20, 1938 - October 26, 2019

Brian Harwood

July 3, 1965 - November 18, 1984

Now that you are in your Heavenly home,

We miss you each and every day.

Your spirit is within our heart

Since you were called away.

We miss your cheerful, loving ways

And your contagious little smile,

We will be with you again one day

If we wait for a little while.

The good Lord has you in safe keeping

With no more stress or pain.

Heaven's angels will surround you

Graciously singing their loving refrain.

May you rest in perfect peace

In your Heavenly home above,

You will always remain forever in our hearts

We send you all our love.

Forever loved and cherished.

Bruce, Steve and Sandra,

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Maggie and Gord,

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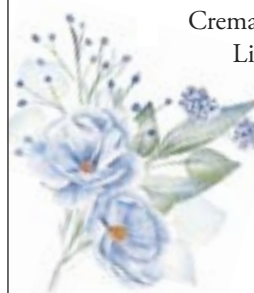
April 24, 1940 - October 19, 2023

Passed away in loving comfort after his battle with Alzheimer's on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the age of 83 years.

Missed by his wife of 58 years, Nancy (née Bell), daughters Rhonda Phillips (Shawn) and Rae-Anne Downs, grandchildren Jonathan Phillips, Taylor-Rae lamas (Derek), Owen Garrison and Lauren Garrison, and by his great-granddaughter River Lamash.

Cremation has taken place, and a Celebration of Orval's

Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Low & Low Funeral Home, Uxbridge. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations to the Alzheimer Society, The R.C.L. Br. #170 or a local food bank would be appreciated by Orval's family. Friends are invited to send condolences by visiting www.lowandlow.ca



DOLING,

Peter "Pete" Allan

June 1, 1929 - October 19, 2023

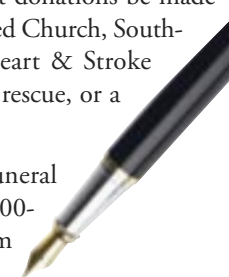
With ink and time, Peter "Pete" Allan Doling penned his life's story, a narrative that drew to a close on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Humber River Hospital. Aged 94, he leaves behind a tale rich in love, family, and cherished memories.

Peter is survived by his son, Peter Jr., his daughter, Susan Lackie, and his son-in-law, Scott Lackie. He held a special place in the hearts of his grandchildren, Gillian, and Brett, who affectionately knew him as "Opie Dad." Peter was predeceased by his wife, Elly Doling, affectionately known as his "Honey," his parents, Alfred J. Doling and Lena V. Doling, as well as by his sisters, Joyce Doling and Maisie Mellon, and brothers, Jackie Doling, A.W. Doling, and Ralph Doling. He is also fondly remembered by numerous nieces, nephews, and a wide circle of friends who will miss him dearly.

The family will receive guests starting at 12 noon on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at Zephyr United Church, 12990 Durham Road 39. A "Celebration of Life" will commence at 1 p.m. Then, following the service, a social time will be hosted in the Zephyr United Church Hall attached. Interment at Zephyr Zion Cemetery will take place at a later date.

In Peter's memory, the family kindly requests that donations be made to one of the following organizations: Zephyr United Church, Southlake Regional Health Centre - Cardiac Unit, Heart & Stroke Foundation, your local humane society or animal rescue, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Skwarchuk Funeral Home. For further information, please contact 1-800-209-4803 or visit www.skwarchukfuneralhome.com



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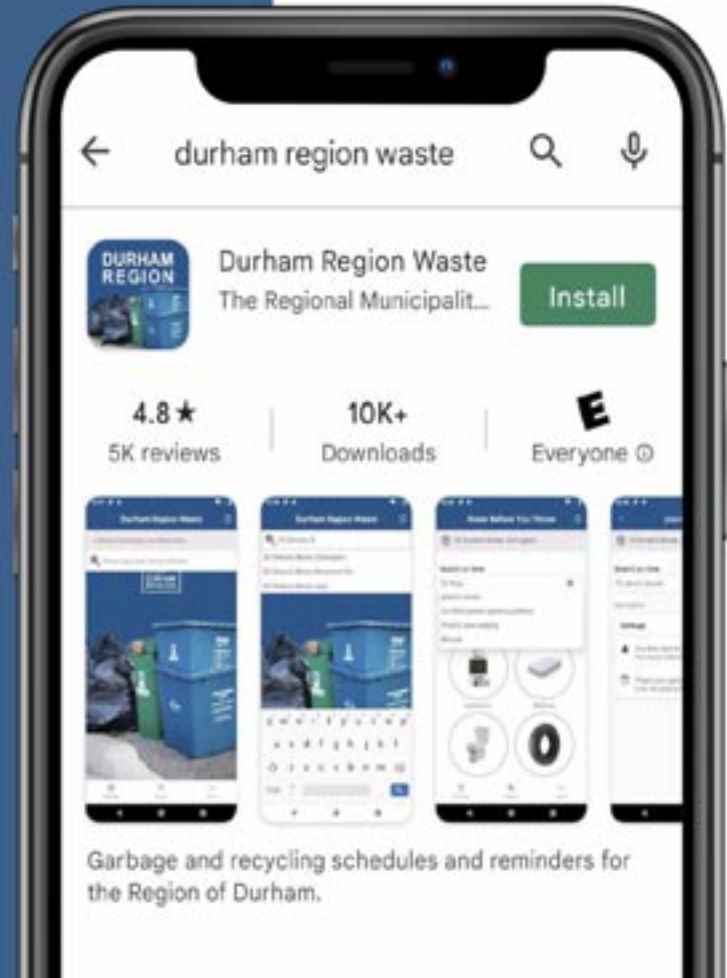
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